Costs and Prices has since worked out a new formula for increasing the price of Coal from time to time.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the price of Coal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The previous reported of Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices (BICP) in respect of Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited were received in 1987 and 1988 respectively. There-after Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has not yet worked out a new formula for increasing the price of coal from time to time.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration at present to increase the price of coal.

(d) Does not arise.

Central Investment in Backward Districts of Kerala

5597. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Central Investment made in the backward districts of Kerala for the development of industries during 1990-91;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala in this regard for the industrial development of backward districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

DPAP in Orissa

5598. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has sent a proposal to include the nine blocks of Bolangir district in DPAP and its implementations in Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Government of Orissa has submitted a proposal for inclusion of 10 more blocks of Bolangir district in DPAP.

(b) It has been decided to continue DPAP as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the present coverage.

Appointment to Sports Persons

5599. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of sports persons given jobs in various departments of the Government during each of the last three years.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): The instructions issued by the Government for appointment of meri-